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SUBJECT: (U) ARREST OF COMMUNISTS; REPORTED MISTREATMENT OF ONE  
DETAINEE

1. AS OF DECEMBER 7, THE FEDERAL JUDGE HANDLING THE  
MATTER HAD REPORTEDLY ORDERED ALL BUT 14 MEMBERS OF  
THE ARGENTINE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCA) RELEASED. THE  
REMAINING DETAINEES INCLUDE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE  
PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE ARGENTINE LEAGUE  
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (A COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATION)  
RELEASED A STATEMENT ACCUSING THE POLICE OF HAVING  
TORTURED ONE OF THE DETAINEES WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY  
RELEASED. ACCORDING TO THE LEAGUE, LAURA SCIPIONI,  
A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH, WAS BEATEN BY THE  
POLICE AND THEN HUNG FROM HER ANKLES BY A ROPE AND  
DANGLED FROM A THREE STORY WINDOW. THE LEAGUE'S  
STATEMENT STATES THAT WHEN SCIPIONI TOLD THE INVESTI-  
GATING JUDGE OF HER EXPERIENCE HE HAD HER LOOKED  
AT BY A COURT DOCTOR WHO CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE  
OF ROPE BURNS ON HER LEGS.

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